WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A video browsing system comprising:

a   distribution   server   configured   to   distribute
content including video data; and

5   a browse client configured to receive the distributed
content and to play back the video data included in the
content onto a display screen thereof,

wherein the distribution server comprises a manage
unit configured to manage an extent information that
10   indicates an extent of browsing the content for each user
receiving distribution of the content through the browse
client.

2.   The video browsing system as claimed in claim 1,
further comprises a management client,

15   wherein the management client comprises: a register
unit configured to register a user for browsing the content
with the browse client; and a E-mail unit configured to
create and send an E-mail to each user, and

wherein the distribution server comprises a transmit
20   unit configured to transmit the extent information to the
management client for providing management information.

3.   A video browsing system comprising:

a   distribution   server   configured   to   distribute
content including video data; and

25   a browse client configured to receive the distributed

content and to play back the video data included in the content onto a display screen thereof,

wherein the browse client comprises: a counting unit configured to count an extent to which a user has played back the video data and to update extent information indicating the extent counted; and a transmitting unit configured to transmit the extent information to the distribution server, and

wherein the distribution server comprises a manage unit configured to manage the extent information transmitted from the browse client in association with the content and the user.

4. The video browsing system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the browse client comprises a display control unit configured to determine whether the content is incompletely browsed by the user or not based on the extent information, and to display onto the display screen a midstream playback button for playing back the video data starting at the previous stop position for the content in a case where the content is incompletely browsed by the user.

5. The video browsing system as claimed in claim 3, further comprises a management client,

wherein the management client comprises: a register unit configured to register a user for browsing the content

with the browse client; and a E-mail unit configured to
create and send an E-mail to each user, and

wherein the distribution server comprises a transmit
unit configured to transmit the extent information to the
management client for providing management information.

6.   A browse client comprising:

a receiving unit configured to receive a content
including video data distributed from a distribution
server;

a display screen configured to display and play back
the video data included in the content;

a counting unit configured to count an extent to which
a user has played back the video data and to update extent
information indicating the extent counted; and

a transmitting unit configured to transmit the extent
information to the distribution server.

7.   A browse client comprising:

a receiving unit configured to receive a content
including video data distributed from a distribution
server;

a display screen configured to display and play back
the video data included in the content;

a counting unit configured to count an extent to which
a user has played back the video data and to update extent
information indicating the extent counted; and

a display control unit configured to determine whether the content is incompletely browsed by the user or not based on the extent information, and to display onto the display screen a midstream playback button for playing back the video data starting at the previous stop position for the content in a case where the content is incompletely browsed by the user.

8. A distribution server comprising:

a distribution unit configured to distribute content including video data to a browse client;

a receiving unit configured to receive extent information that indicates an extent of browsing the content for each user receiving distribution of the content through the browse client, from the browse client; and

a manage unit configured to manage the extent information transmitted from the browse client in association with the content and the user.

9. A computer program product for controlling a browse client, the program product comprising:

means for receiving a content including video data distributed from a distribution server;

means for displaying and playing back the video data included in the content onto a display screen of the browse client;

means for counting an extent to which a user has played

back the video data and updating extent information indicating the extent counted; and

means for transmitting the extent information to the distribution server.

10. A computer program product for controlling a browse client, the program product comprising:

means for receiving a content including video data distributed from a distribution server;

means for displaying and playing back the video data included in the content onto a display screen of the browse client;

means for counting an extent to which a user has played back the video data and updating extent information indicating the extent counted;

means for determining whether the content is incompletely browsed by the user or not based on the extent information; and

means for displaying onto the display screen a midstream playback button for playing back the video data starting at the previous stop position for the content in a case where the content is incompletely browsed by the user.

11. A computer program product for controlling a distribution server, the program product comprising:

means for distributing content including video data

to a browse client;

means for receiving from the browse client extent information indicating an extent to which a user has played back the video data; and

means for managing the extent information transmitted from the browse client in association with the content and the user.

12. A video browsing method comprising:

distributing content including video data from a distributing server to a browse client;

receiving the content distributed from the distributing server by the browse client;

displaying and playing back the video data included in the received content onto a display screen of the browse client;

counting an extent to which a user has played back the video data, by the browse client;

updating extent information indicating the extent counted, by the browse client;

transmitting the extent information from the browse client to the distribution server; and

managing the extent information transmitted from the browse client in association with the content and the user, by the distribution server.

13. A video browsing method comprising:

receiving content including video data distributed from a distributing server;

displaying and playing back the video data included in the received content onto a display screen;

counting an extent to which a user has played back the video data;

updating extent information indicating the extent counted; and

determining whether the content is incompletely browsed or not based on the extent information; and

displaying onto the display screen a midstream playback button for playing back the video data starting at the previous stop position for the content in a case where the content is incompletely browsed by the user.